

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein.

Pending claims 1, 3 and 27 have been indicated by the Examiner as allowable. [It is noted that the Examiner indicated that claim 3 is canceled (on page 2 of the Office Action) and that claim 2 is allowed (on page 3 of the Office Action); Applicants believe the Examiner intended to indicated that claim 2 is canceled and claim 3 is allowed.] Because of the allowability of the product of claims 1 and 3, the requirement for restriction has been withdrawn and the Examiner has indicated the rejoinder and allowability of the methods of claims 6-8 and 20-26.

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection and simply to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 4 and 5 without prejudice to continued prosecution, thereby obviating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. It is Applicants' understanding that a RCE under 37 CFR §1.114 is not necessary since Applicants have simply canceled the rejected claims, thereby complying with CFR §1.113(c).

Claims 1, 3, 6-8 and 20-27 are currently pending and have been indicated as allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending application is respectfully requested.

Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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